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Letter dated 31 March 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith humanitarian and information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 28-31 March 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 31 March 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Humanitarian bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (28 March 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out seven humanitarian operations in Aleppo governorate.

In Aleppo city, 16.8 tons of food, 6 tons of bottled drinking water and 500 food parcels were delivered to residents of Furqan, Sakhur and Shaykh Maqsud districts, to schools in Uqba bin Nafi in Muhammad Bak district and the School of Arts for Women in Khalidiyah district, to a refugee camp and to Manbij in Aleppo governorate.

Over the past 24 hours, humanitarian assistance has been provided to 8,100 residents. In total, 24.5 tons of humanitarian cargoes have been distributed to the population.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

Over the past 24 hours, the United Nations and partners have continued to provide medical, psychological and legal assistance to the Syrian Arab Republic. Work is also still under way to restore infrastructure and provide temporary accommodation to those in need.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (29 March 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, seven ceasefire agreements have been signed with Khirbat al-Hamam, Uyun al-Wadi and Khirbat Ghazi in Homs governorate, Ayyubah in Qunaytirah governorate, Hajnah in Damascus governorate, Waqam in Suwayda' governorate and Buraq in Dar'a governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,404.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 remains unchanged at 136.

The number of populated areas which the Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 remains unchanged at 198.

A total area of 3,499.2 square kilometres has been liberated.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

At 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported 14 violations in the following governorates: 9 in Damascus, 3 in Ladhiqiyah and 2 in Hama.

The Turkish representative office has reported 12 violations in the following governorates: 4 in Damascus, 4 in Hama, 2 in Aleppo, 1 in Dar'a and 1 in Idlib.

The Russian representative office has been unable to confirm all 12 violations during its investigations of the incidents.

Humanitarian bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (29 March 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out seven humanitarian operations: six in Aleppo governorate and one in Qunaytirah governorate.

In Aleppo city, 3,000 portions of hot food and bread were delivered to residents of A'zamiyah, Shaykh Taha, Karm al-Maz, Jamiliyah, Shaykh Maqsud and Salihin districts.

In Qunaytirah governorate, 350 food parcels were distributed to residents of Ayyubah.

Over the past 24 hours, humanitarian assistance has been provided to 3,350 residents. In total, 3 tons of humanitarian cargoes have been distributed to the population.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

With the assistance of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides, two humanitarian convoys delivered United Nations cargoes from the cities of Damascus and Homs to Bludan in Damascus governorate and Talbisah in Homs governorate.

Russian airplanes parachuted 21 tons of humanitarian cargoes (food products) to the city of Dayr al-Zawr, which were received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (30 March 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, 11 ceasefire agreements have been signed with Sab'iniyah, Baliyah, Shaqraniyah and Suwaymarah in Dar'a governorate, with Fahil and Qattinah in Homs governorate, and with Shaykh Zayyat, Shaykh Najjar, Hutah, Abu Jabbar and Qatar in Aleppo governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,415.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 remains unchanged at 136.

The number of populated areas which the Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 has increased to 207.

Over the past 24 hours, government forces have gained control of 73.7 square kilometres. A total area of 3,572.9 square kilometres has been liberated.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

At 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported 14 violations in the following governorates: 6 in Damascus, 4 in Hama and 4 in Ladhiqiyah.

The Turkish representative office has reported 11 violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: 3 in Damascus, 3 in Hama, 2 in Homs, 1 in Aleppo, 1 in Dar'a and 1 in Ladhiqiyah.

The Russian representative office has been unable to confirm all 11 violations during its investigations of the incidents.

Humanitarian bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (30 March 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out five humanitarian operations in Aleppo governorate.

In Aleppo city, six tons of bottled drinking water were delivered to residents of Jadidah, Karm al-Da'da', Bani Zayd, Shaykh Maqsud and Jabal Badro.

Over the past 24 hours, humanitarian assistance has been provided to 1,894 residents. In total, 6 tons of humanitarian cargoes have been distributed to the population.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

Russian airplanes parachuted 20.7 tons of humanitarian cargoes (food parcels) to the city of Dayr al-Zawr, which were received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (31 March 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, four ceasefire agreements have been signed with Qarfa, Kammunah, Dayr al-Bukht and Aliqin in Dar'a governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,419.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 remains unchanged at 136.

The number of populated areas which the Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 has increased to 213.

Over the past 24 hours, government forces have gained control of 34.8 square kilometres. A total area of 3,607.7 square kilometres has been liberated.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

At 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported 11 violations in the following governorates: 6 in Damascus, 2 in Dar'a, 2 in Ladhiqiyah and 1 in Hama.

The Turkish representative office has reported 15 violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: 4 in Hama, 4 in Idlib, 2 in Damascus, 2 in Dar'a, 2 in Ladhiqiyah and 1 in Homs.

The Russian representative office has been unable to confirm all 15 violations during its investigations of the incidents.